

PATENT CASE NO. SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	
McSWIGGEN, James et al.	
Serial No.:	10/757,1803
Filed:	January 14, 2004
Group Art Unit:	1635
Examiner:	Bowman, Amy Hudson
For:	RNA INTERFERENCE MEDIATED INHIBITION OF GENE EXPRESSION USING CHEMICALLY MODIFIED SHORT INTERFERING NUCLEIC ACID (siNA)

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 21, 2010 of the Examiner rejecting claims 18-20 and 33-49.

The item checked below is appropriate:

☐ Fee not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
☒ Charge the \$540 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-4615.

Respectfully submitted,

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